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SUBJ: CANADA AND ABM DECISION

ST JOHNS EVENING TELEGRAM MARCH 21 EDITORIAL EXPRESSES SHOCK
TRUDEAU "WILL MORE OR LESS WAIT FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON"
TO DECIDE ON POSITION ON US DECISION PROCEED WITH ABM. ASTONISHED
TRUDEAU WAITING FOR PRESIDENT TO TELL HIM IF ABM WILL UPSET
BALANCE OF TERROR. DECISION VITALLY IMPORTANT TO CANADIANS
BECAUSE OF INTERCEPTION OVER CANADA. BLAMES TRUDEAU AS EQUIVOCAL
ON QUESTION ON WHICH FIRMER STATEMENT HIS BELIEFS EXPECTED.
ASKS IF THIS ILLUSTRATION REALITIES OF POWER OTTAWA WASHINGTON.
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